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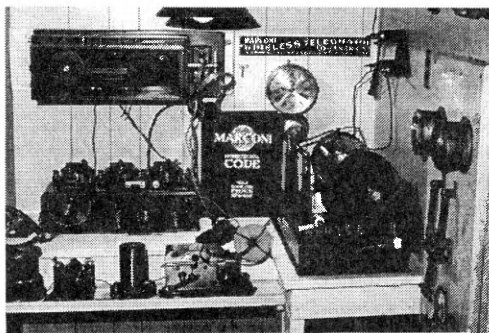
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## **TITANIC SUBJECT OF MAY 2 PROGRAM**

Eighty-five years ago - April 14, 1912--the much-heralded Cunard liner Titanic struck an iceberg and sank in the North Atlantic. Ever since, this dramatic disaster has held fascination, evidenced by numerous books, films, search expeditions, hobbyists, and even a soon-to-be premiered Broadway musical. Additionally, historians point to the significance of wireless communication in rescue efforts and credit the Titanic event as promoting the rapid expansion of radio technology. Appropriately, the April RARA program will be a presentation on this subject by club historian, Bruce Kelley, W2ICE. Emphasis will be on the part radio played in the disaster, including simulated SOS signals as sent by the Marconi wireless operator. Kelley will show pictures of equipment as well as of the great ship as it was then and as it is today--10,000 feet under water.



## **RaRa PICNIC**

The picnic is once again going to be at Ellison Park. The Date is June 21, 1997. Time 12:00 noon. RARA will supply the hot dogs and the makings. Soft drinks are also provided. We might even have coffee for those of you that have that addiction. Other inducements to make you come will be there courtesy of the many volunteers, who will bring cookies and cakes, not to mention other unmentionables. Most of which are fattening. One other thing, your president wins the privilege of cooking, so if you wanna see a grown man cry, this is one chance.

## **RaRa ANNUAL MEETING**

**May 2, 1997**

**8:00 P.M.**

Henrietta Fire Hall

3129 East Henrietta Road

*The Titanic - Bruce Kelley*

## **SILENT KEY - NU2U**

by Alex - NV2Y

Marguerite NU2U is now at rest. Diabetes has taken its toll. Marguerite died on April 14, 1997 at age 44. She leaves her husband Doug, NR2M and son Joseph, who is now 9 years old.

The funeral service was held at a fully packed country church. Tears flowed freely among the mourners. The Amateur Radio community was well represented. Several hams participated in offering their own remembrance and gratitude for their association with such a gifted and gentle lady. One ham gave thanks and spoke of how Marguerite saved the life of his little daughter. Parts of a private journal that Doug found, that Marguerite had written on her computer, was read giving us an insight in her plight and the joyous times and love of her husband Doug and Joe her big bonus for living.

May Marguerite NU2U rest in peace.

## **SILENT KEYS**

**William O. Young**

AA2CS

April 10, 1997

**Marguerite C. Soel**

NU2U

April 14, 1997

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## 1997 Hamfest Programs, Part V

by Lloyd R. Caves, WB2EFU

This is it folks; the Rochester Hamfest is just a month away or less now. The time sure has been flying by to make this the last issue of the RaRa Rag before the hamfest. If you have been reading this column the last few months you have learned what the programs are going to be this year. This month the complete program list with the time and location for each is being printed. This should help you schedule your time to attend those that interest you. So here is the listing:

### Second Floor

#### **9:00-10:00 - Technology-Friend or Foe?**

by Harry Dannals, W2HD, President Emeritus, ARRL.

This topic will be on Amateur Radio and the Internet, Phone and completely computerized DX and Contest stations. Learn how they fit together with one another.

#### **10:30-11:30 - The New RF Law and what it means to you**

by Ed Hare, KA1CV, Laboratory Staff, ARRL

The new law regarding RF is on the books. Now is a good time to find out what it means to you and what is required of you.

#### **12:00-1:00 - ARRL Forum**

Kay Craigie, WT3P, Atlantic Division Director, Bernie Fuller, N3EFN, Atlantic Division Vice Director, Stephen Mendelsohn, W2LM, Vice President, Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC, Vice President. An outstanding opportunity to confer with your ARRL leaders. Questions from the floor are encouraged.

#### **1:30-3:30 - VHF Forum**

Hosted by Evhen Tupis, WB2ELB, Rochester VHF Group Chairman

"Microwave Boot Camp" will be this years theme. Two fun-packed hours of immersion into operating the shortest of wavelengths. Included is a hands-on lab titled: "Building the World's Simplest Laser". This will be the seventh year of this highly regarded mini-seminar.

#### **4:00-5:00 - Web Net for Hams**

by David Wolf, President of Vivatron

David will lead us around the World Wide Web to show us how to find ham related topics the easy way.

### Room 1

#### **9:00-10:00 - International DX and the DXCC**

by Bill Kennamey, K5FUV DXCC Chairman, ARRL

Learn how the DXCC fits into the international arena and how the DXCC is used by other countries.

#### **10:30-11:30 - ARRL Field Organization and**

**NTS**

lead by Bill Thompson, W2MTA, Western New York Section Manager

### **1:30-2:30 - Hands on Antenna Assy. for the new ham**

by Ed Hare, KA1CV, Laboratory Staff, ARRL  
Learn to build a "J" Pole, Ground Plane, and a Three Element Yagi for two meters. Also, see their efficiency tested with a field strength meter.

### **3:00-4:00 - Doppler Radar-Realities and Myths**

by Judy Levan, N2TEZ, of the National Weather Service

Judy will discuss what Doppler Radar can really do to pin point weather conditions and what it cannot do. Learn what is real and what is just advertising hype by TV stations.

### **Room 3**

### **8:30-9:30 - Education Through Communications**

by Joseph J. Fairclough, President of The Radio Club of Jr. High School 22 N.Y.C., Inc.

This is the largest school club in the U.S. It started in 1980 and is now helping schools all over the country to learn through Amateur Radio.

### **10:00-11:30 - Joint Mars Forum**

Colin Corke, AFFINY, Air Force MARS State Director, Ken Wasley, NNN0GBJ-15, Navy-Marine Corps MARS, Elizabeth (Betty) Strattan, AAA2NY, Army MARS State Director

All MARS welcome to this annual information exchange meeting.

### **11:30-12:00 - Navy-Marine Corps Mars**

Ed Kessler, NNN0GBJ, Northern New York Area Coordinator

Annual update for Navy-Marine Corps Mars members.

### **1:30-3:30 - DX Forum**

hosted by John Merrill, N1JM President of Salt City DX

Topics that will be addressed this year are "Technical Considerations for HF by John Merrill, N1JM and "DX and Contesting From Modest Urban Areas" by Bob Strickland, KE2WY Vice President of the Salt City DX. This will be the sixth annual panel for DXers from the Atlantic Division and New York State.

### **4:00-5:00 - DXCC**

by Bill Kenamer, K5FUV, DXCC Chairman, ARRL

Are you a DXer? If so learn more about the DXCC awards, rules, country lists and more from Bill. Dome Floor

### **All Day -W2RUF Code Proficiency Tests**

Given by Kevin T. Kedzierski, WA2FKV, Special Events Coordinator for the Radio Association of WNY.

A certificate will be given to those participants who copy at least one perfect minute at 7.5 WPM. There will be endorsements for levels from 10 WPM to 75 WPM in jumps of 5 WPM. *Cont. on next column*

## **May Calendar**

2 - RaRa Meeting - 8:00PM - Henrietta Fire Hall, 3129 East Henrietta Road

17- RaRa VE Testing - 111 Westfall Rd. 8:30 AM

### **All Day - DXCC Cards to be checked for DXCC Award**

Bill Kenamer, K5FUV, DXCC Chairman, ARRL  
Bill will be checking QSL Cards for DXCC awards and endorsements all day except while giving his Forum talks.

For further information on any program please refer to January through April Rag. All programs are held in the Dome. Stairs to the second floor can be found just to the left as you come in the main entrance. Room 1 and 3 are found just off the exhibit floor. It is hoped that everyone will enjoy this year's hamfest and the programs being offered. See you there.

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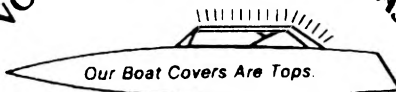
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April 4, 1997

To: Art De Bruycker, W2YGW, President

Rochester Amateur Radio Association

Subject: Nominating Committee Report

The following candidates are hereby placed in nomination for club officers and board members for 1997/1998 :

**Officers:**

President - George Lloyd N2UIO

Vice President - Rick Wells W2RW

Secretary - Bob Gordon KB2ZGN

Treasurer - Dick Goslee K2VCZ

**Board Members:**

Lloyd Caves - WB2EFU

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Ed Holdsworth - N2EH

Bob Moore - N2USB

Jim Shipkowski - WB2WWV

Don Taylor - KB2BU

Jack Tripp - N2SNL

Dick Young - N2QKL

Respectfully Submitted Nominating Committee

Bob Erskine W2NVZ

Irv Goodman AF2K

Jack Tripp N2SNL

HF activity was my only amateur interest until around the mid 1980s when my Dad, KA4ELW, gave me his old 2m HT. Since then, I've done quite a bit of 2m/70cm FM and am the chief engineer on the WB2KAO/R 444.85 MHz system. Due to raising a family, and employment as a systems engineer, first with General Motors and presently with Digital Equipment Corporation, my activity levels have been sporadic. I've been an ARRL member on and off (mostly on) since getting my Novice and a RaRa member since locating in Rochester in the 1970s.

Recently, my interest and activity in ham radio has been rekindled. After assisting with RaRa code class instruction a couple of years ago, my XYL became N2YKK, and my two adult daughters became N2ZWF and KB2YWM. After going through the new VE examination process myself for my Extra, along with a couple of friends who I tutored, I became an ARRL/VEC VE and actively work with the Rochester DX Association VE team. Also, I hold an ARRL Field Organization appointment as a WNY Official Observer. My current interests are regular HF operating, modest DXing, and some SSB and CW contesting. My Field Day group, The Eight-Five Group, operating under my ex. call WA2RBO out of my back yard, scored highest in the WNY section class 1A for 1996.

We've lived in our home in Greece for 22 years where I have a pretty good amount of antenna farm space. I'm looking forward to putting up a tower next year. The Rochester, Monroe County area is lucky to have an ARRL Special Service Club like RaRa acting as a focal point for today's diverse Ham Radio hobby. I would be pleased to have an opportunity to serve the local amateur community as an elected officer of the Rochester Amateur Radio Association.

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## KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES

As customary, each person who is nominated has an opportunity to present a personal statement in the *Rag* prior to the Annual Meeting. There will be an opportunity to present nominations from the floor prior to the actual voting for Officers and Board of Directors.

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Rick Wells, W2RW

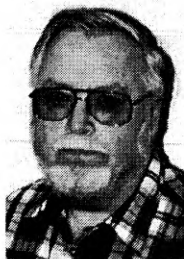


My ham radio career began 37 years ago with the traditional one year non-renewable Novice ticket. After setting up and using my (very) used rig for a year I upgraded to General. Following the incentive licensing initiative and graduation from Clarkson University as a BSEE, I

upgraded to Advanced in the early 1970s. Only recently, did I work on my 20 WPM CW and qualified for Extra. And yes, I also got my initials in the vanity insanity program late last year.

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Allen E. Skiles Sr. KB2VZE



I started out as a child in Johnstown Pa. Joyce and I have been married for 38 years and we have 4 children and 7 grandchildren.

Friden Inc. transferred us to Rochester in the middle 60's where I worked as a Service Training Instructor and Support Specialist in the sales school until they closed up. Then worked at several other professions such as service and parts manager, heavy equipment operator, assistant manager of a lumber company and in sales. Currently I work for New Yorker's Family Research Foundation and

New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms as their Fiscal Manager.

I have been a ham wanna'be since I was a teenager when I visited a ham shack. I learned "the code" at one time with the idea of getting a license, but through family and work circumstances I never progressed beyond that. About 2 years ago a friend of mine convinced me to "go for it." I did!

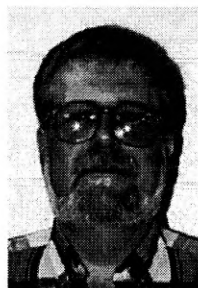
Joined RaRa with the idea of learning more about ham radio and I haven't been disappointed. However, I figure if your going to join a club or other organization, you might as well be busy or what's the point in joining. I am running for vice president because I know there is a need there and I want to do what I can to help keep RaRa the number one club in the northeast. I have been an officer in several organizations such as a model railroad club and the Cub Scouts so I know it is hard to get people involved, but there are jobs to be done and we need to do them.

Before moving to Rochester, I was involved in a CB\* club that had close ties to the local Civil Defense organization. So, I am especially interested in the emergency communications application of ham radio. It's great to see the close association RaRa has with the Monroe County Office of Emergency Preparedness and I'm looking forward to many more years of RaRa providing this service to the community.

\*Remember when CB radio was a viable means of communication?

### SECRETARY

Bob Gordon KB2ZGN



I'm Bob Gordon KB2ZGN. I am a native Rochesterian born April 9 44 years ago. My first love is my soon to be 5 year old daughter, Bethany. My second love is ham radio and electronics in general. I learned HVAC at an early age and went into the family business repairing heating and air conditioning equipment when I graduated from Gates Chili HS. My interest in electronics led to a job at MXR Innovations where I worked my way up to the job of production foreman. After leaving there, I worked as the head of quality control for Scientific Radio. Wanting a change, I accepted a position with Sibley Real Estate Services that led to my becoming a resident manager of several apartment developments until an injury forced me to leave after 7 years. Since then I have had my own business doing HVAC and electronics work, went on to teach high school electronics at BOCES, and then worked as a

electronics research and development technician for a local engineering company. My interest in ham radio started some 30 plus years ago but it wasn't until my old high school friend, George Lloyd N2UIO, encouraged me to get my license. I was licensed a tech plus last June and have participated in field day activities at 3 different sites and enjoyed working with George in his rover during several contests. I have met many great people through ham radio and for the life of me I can't figure out why I waited so long to get my ticket.

### TREASURER

DICK GOSLEE, K2VCZ



First licensed in 1956 as KN2VCZ, Dick holds an Advanced class license. He has been a member of RaRa for 17 years and has served on the Board of Directors for the last 13 years. He is a past President and has been serving as RaRa Treasurer for the past 10 years. He taught theory for the Novice/Tech class for RaRa for 5 years and has also taught the Advanced class. Dick is a member of the RaRa "VE" team which gives license exams to prospective new Hams. He serves as the Managing Editor/Advertising Manager for the RARA Rag, the Editor of the annual RARA Directory, and is a member of the K2JD Engraving Team.

Dick is employed as the Director of Engineering for Quality Protections Systems, and combining his love of auto racing with employment he is also employed as an IHRA Certified Technical Inspector and Starter at NY International Raceway Park in Leicester, NY, and also at Norwalk Raceway Park in Norwalk, Ohio. When he can find some free time he enjoys fishing and camping with his wife Susan (N2HKA) and his daughters Karen (KB2CHE) and Cathie (KB2ESZ).

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## **RaRa Picnic June 21,1997**

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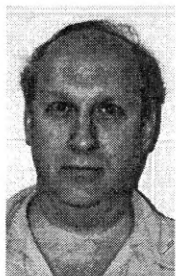
Lloyd R. Caves, WB2EFU



Lloyd has lived in the Rochester area all of his life. He and his wife Ruth currently live in the house in Webster that they bought thirty years ago. There they have raised their three children; one son and two daughters. Lloyd has been employed by General Motors for almost thirty-five years, serving in many management positions, and is presently a Senior Purchasing Administrator.

In 1975 Lloyd joined the RaRa licensing classes and received his first ticket in February of 1976. He currently holds an advanced class ticket. During these past twenty one years as a RaRa member he has spent fourteen of them serving on the Board of Directors, including the office of Vice President and President. He was also the RaRa membership chairman for six years. For the past three years he has been serving as Program Chairman on the Rochester Hamfest Committee. He also served as the hamfests Awards Chairman for two years. Lloyd is currently an Assistant Emergency Coordinator for RACES/ARES. His main interest in ham radio is rag chewing, working DX, RACES/ARES, and working on many of the public service events that RaRa is involved with. As well as being an active life member of RaRa he is a member of the ARRL.

NEAL ECKHARDT, WB2EKP



I have been a ham for about 20 years and earned my first license through the RaRa classes. I have lived in Henrietta for 25 years. I have lived in my current house for 12 years with my wife, Kim and my 16 month old daughter Samantha.

I have been the editor of the RaRa Rag for 11 years. I have also been on the board of directors for 10 years, as well as a past president of RaRa. I work on the K2JD Engraving team at area hamfests and have headed up the large operation at the Rochester Hamfest. I taught the Morse Code for the Novice classes for 5 years. I look forward to serving RaRa for another year.

Peter Fournia- W2SKY (ex WA2BPQ)

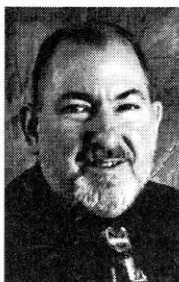


My involvement in building the RaRa webpage has exposed me to a few BOD meetings. I found them interesting and familiar. If elected, I look forward to general support of RaRa, with emphasis on WWW-amateur interactions, public services, and amateur radio education.

I am employed as a xerographic engineer at Xerox and live in Penfield with my wife Carol, and 2 daughters. Since graduating from RIT with a BSEE in 1967, I have been involved in many volunteer organizations. I held several offices in them including president of; Frost Ridge Ski Club, Genesee Valley Ski Council, Rochester Area Flyers (hang gliding), and Finger Lakes Assn. of Pilots (hang gliding). I participated in many more, of which the more active are: Xerox ARC, Genesee GateWay, United States Hang Glider Assn. (regional director for NY, NJ). I have current membership in XARC, RaRa and ARRL.

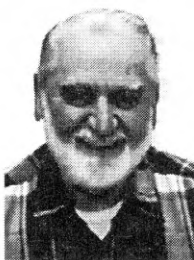
It is encouraging to see the large and diverse list of people willing to serve.

Keith Freeberg – N2BEL



A licensed amateur since 1979 and involved with RARA since 1980. In the past I've had the pleasure of serving as your President, Secretary, Director, Awards Chairman and many other roles as part of your Board of Directors. I'd like to continue to serve you as Director while continuing my efforts to promote amateur radio through public service. Thank You.

Edwin J. Holdsworth N2EH



Ed lives in Mendon with his wife, Joyce. He enjoys spending time with their 5 sons, Jim, Steve (WA2EJY), Cary, Gerry and Keith.(KA2GCG), their 3 daughters-in-law, Linda, Debbie and Maggie along with 5 grandsons and 3 granddaughters. Keith and Maggie live in Montrose, Colorado with their 3 children which requires some travel to Colorado for Joyce and Ed. Ed retired from Rochester Gas & Electric. in 1991 after 36 years.

Ed was first licensed in 1968 with the call WN2EKR and currently holds the Extra Class license with the call N2EH. He is very active with the club as shown by his past history with RaRa. Previous positions held include Secretary, (1 Term) Vice-President (2 terms), President (2 terms), and Board of Directors (27 years). He is presently the trustee of club station K2JD and RACES station WC2ABJ, as well as Director of K2JD Engraving. Other responsibilities include ARES Section Emergency Coordinator, Emergency Coordinator and RACES Radio Officer for Monroe County. Affiliated Club Coordinator and Assistant Section Manager for Western New York and Assistant General Manager for the Rochester and Buffalo Hamfest's. Ed is a Life Member of RaRa, ARRL and AMSAT and a member of QCWA.

Bob Moore, N2USB



I am Bob Moore, N2USB. I obtained my Tech Plus license through the RARA License Class in May 1993. Compared to many of my fellow Amateur Radio Operators, this makes me new to the hobby. Though I may be fairly new to Amateur Radio, I was associated with radio communications

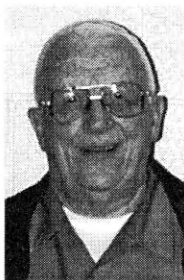
as a Licensed FCC First Class (now General class) Radiotelephone Operator from the late sixties to the late seventies. I am currently a Senior Engineer with Delphi Automotive Systems (General Motors). My wife Rachel and I have two sons and have lived in Greece, New York, for the past 18 years. In 1992, I retired from the Naval Reserve after 32 years, including 20 years flying experience in Lockheed P-3 Orion aircraft as Mission Commander in both Electronic Reconnaissance and Anti Submarine Warfare Missions. I have experience as a teacher at the high school and university level and received a BS and MA from East Carolina University. My hobby interests are varied; I enjoy operating DX, operating in contest, letting the smoke out of the resistors I put in electronics projects, computers, surfing the web, SCUBA diving, and, like most Hams, stringing wire and aluminum across the backyard and trying to make it radiate. I hope you will consider these varied life experiences as qualifications to serve you as member of the board of directors.

Jim Shipkowski, WB2WWV



Jim has been licensed for over 30 years and currently holds an advanced class license. He operates on most bands from 160 m to 70 cm. A determined tinkerer, Jim quickly learned that his wife frowns on the use of her baking pans for preamp chassis. This has limited present experimental efforts to antennas, automatic antenna tuners, power supplies, and auxiliary shack equipment. Jim also holds an FCC General Radiotelephone Operator license. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, a life member of the ARRL, a 19 year RARA member, and a former RARA director. Jim is an engineer at Ortho Clinical Diagnostics and lives in Greece with his wife, their two sons, the pooch, and the Rohn 25.

DON TAYLOR - KB2BU

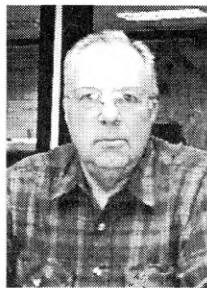


Don lives in Pittsford with his wife Jean where they have raised a son and a daughter. Their son Bill owns his own business in Worthington, Ohio and their daughter is a home health nurse in Havre de Grace, Maryland. He retired from Eastman Kodak Co. in 1983 as a development

engineer after 35 years of service.

After attending RARA licensing classes he received his licenses in 1977. During the past 20 years he has participated in many of the public service events and is an active member of the Races group. Don also is active with the K2JD engraving team as well as participating in the constructor and maintenance of the K2JD club station.

Jack Tripp, N2SNL



I have been retired for about four years. I worked in a variety of jobs for several different companies. Some of the jobs I have held are Engineer, Sales Engineer and Salesman. My last job was a Salesman for a wholesale printing company that specialized in

Thermography printing.

I received my Technician license in September 1992. I upgraded to Tech+ in December 1993. I am active on VHF and can be found on 146.88 or 146.29 repeaters. I am active on Packet and am the

current President of the Rochester Amateur Packet Society. I also play with computers and have a 486SX with 1.2 Gig hard drive, CD ROM, modem and like to "surf" the Internet.

I belong to RACES and participated in the Ginna drill last December.

I have been married for 36 years and have 4 grown children, 3 grandchildren.

Other interest" are golfing, fishing, boating, model railroading, to name a few.

Richard Young - N2QKL



Dick has been a ham operator and a member of RaRa for the past 6 years. He currently holds his Tech+ license. He is a member of RACES and the ATV club as well as a Hamfest Coolie for the past several years. Dick is also a Life Service Member of the Barnard Fire Department and

currently holds the Chief Engineering position for the Barnard Exempt Association. He is self employed and lives in the town of Greece with his wife Barb and his 3 daughters Morgan, Ashley, and Taylor

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June 1997 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Rochester DX Association. The club will be celebrating this milestone on the air. The highlight is planned to take place and revolve around our Field Day operation; June 28 and 29. The club call is W2RDX. A special event call will be applied for and used if available.

Look for us on the air with the club call from the middle of June, signing W2RDX/50. Operation will be in the low end of the band and in the General portion.

RDXA plans to operate Field Day 1997 as an Open House. The site of our operation is the Campgrounds at Webster Park. The park is on Lake Road and the Campgrounds are at the Western end of the park

Special QSL cards will be printed and be available with an SASE sent to:  
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*Fred Gern, K2FR*

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# Hello to all the members of RaRa. The President speaks:

This is election month, and we expect a larger than normal turnout in order to do the election justice. Please familiarize yourself with the candidates., and vote for them on their merits, not on their position on the ballot. They were not arranged on the ballot in a manner suggesting that you vote for the top names listed. Be creative and vote for them as you think they should be elected for what they can do for you as a club member. If you do not vote, it gives the vote of someone else more weight in the voting process, and your voice is lost. Do you want that to happen? We will have three members of the club count the ballots and return the results to us at the meeting, so you can know who was elected before you go home. Welcome the new members of the Board, and give the departing members your congratulations, they deserve it

The Board is recommending the dues structure remain the same as it has been in the past. Some costs are going up, but raising the dues would present a potential hardship for those who are on a fixed income, and it also presents a different problem, in that in order to raise the dues by a dollar, we would only get about twelve cents additional revenue, due to the fact that NYS starts collecting sales tax on dues of over \$10.00. The problem is they start collecting it from the ground up, so take 8% out of \$11 and what do you have left? A vote by the membership is required to set the dues for the coming year, so if you have any strong views in that regard, you have another reason to get out and vote.

This is OT Night, (OLD TIMERS) and the featured speaker will once again be Bruce Kelley W2ICE. Can't tell you what the program is all about, you will have to be there to find out for yourself. Bruce has put on some very interesting shows, for us and other less impressive places like the The Smithsonian, but then we digress. You do not have to be a 50 year veteran of amateur radio to enjoy what happened in ancient history. For some of you though a show like this one may be the only way you can be exposed to some of the history of amateur radio, other than reading about it. There were amateur radio operators licensed before I was born, although I must admit not many of them survive. (Kind of like the guy who said he didn't have an enemy in the world, he outlived them all.) Come one, come all. No other club has the ability to put on a show like this with their own members.

## RaRa Years Ago

by Ed Gable K2MP

20 Years Ago, May 1977: Featured program for May was Ed Holdsworth, WA2EKR, and Rich Koehn, WB2SNA, representing the infamous Band-Dit-Dahs Field Day Group, speaking on FD organization and equipment. Hamfest Ticket Chairman Ed Gable, W2MPM, announced final member Registration sales at \$3.00 a head. The Rochester VHF Group will have RIT's Dr. Norm Goldblatt, WA2GAK, speaking on radio astronomy and activities at the Aricebo, PR, National Radio Observatory. Turning to page 3 brought a startling first for the Rag, a full two page advertisement by Hamtronics of Belmont Rd. in Greece. Nominated for RaRa Officers were Ed Gable W2MPM, President, Len Gessin WA2ZNC, VP, Ron Jacobowski K2RJ, Treasurer, and Otto Bluntzer, WB2RJB as Secty. To the Board of Directors: WB2EDT, W2EBF, W2NVZ, WA2EKR, WA2CTC, WA2UEB, WB2ZFM, WA2BQA and WA2KND.

40 Years Ago, May 1957: FD was featured here, too, where FD Chmn W2RMS told of plans for two 150 watt stations for CW and AM as well as a Novice station. General Railway Signal continues to be a great benefactor to RaRa by supporting the well equipped mobile emergency truck. This month they donated \$200 dollars for improvements. New radio - no. New antenna - no. New power source - no. The two-hundred smackers went to turn signals and mud flaps! RDXA reported on the results of the CW contest where Bob Haner, W2FBA, walked away with the honors. At the last RDXA meeting a demonstration of a DX spotting network using six-meters was demonstrated. New members: Charlie KN2ZFFV, Mel Stoller, no call yet, Dave K2ZCD, and Cappy, KN2UXF, drops the N. It was reported that the Call letter License plate Bill died in Session again. HI-C Electronics on State Street remains a long term advertiser.

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